

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 MOSCOW 10688 151538Z
ACTION EUR-12

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 NSAE-00 NSCE-00
SSO-00 ICAE-00 INRE-00 HA-05 BIB-01 PM-05 H-01
INR-10 L-03 PA-01 SP-02 SS-15 /056 W
-----105186 151542Z /46

O 151531Z MAY 78
FM AMEMBASSY MOSCOW
TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 1690
INFO AMEMBASSY BELGRADE
AMEMBASSY BERLIN
AMEMBASSY BUCHAREST
AMEMBASSY BUDAPEST
AMCONSUL LENINGRAD
AMCONSUL MUNICH
AMEMBASSY LONDON
AMEMBASSY PARIS
AMEMBASSY PRAGUE
AMEMBASSY SOFIA
AMEMBASSY WARSAW
USMISSION USNATO

C O N F I D E N T I A L MOSCOW 10688

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: SHUM, CSCE, PINT, UR
SUBJECT: ORLOV TRIAL

REF: MOSCOW 10454

1. EMBASSY OFFICER ARRIVED AT ORLOV COURTHOUSE TWO HOURS BEFORE TRIAL WAS SCHEDULED TO COMMENCE BUT WAS NONETHELESS DENIED ACCESS, FIRST ON GROUNDS THAT BUILDING DID NOT OPEN UNTIL TEN A.M., THEN, AT TEN A.M., ON GROUNDS THAT COURTROOM WAS FULL. MILITIA OFFICER LATER ADMITTED IN SIDE CONVERSATION THAT WHILE TRIAL WAS "OPEN", SPECIAL PASS WAS REQUIRED TO GAIN ADMITTANCE.

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 MOSCOW 10688 151538Z

2. EMBOFF MADE TOTAL OF FOUR REQUESTS TO BE ADMITTED, AND WAS TOLD EACH TIME THAT COURTROOM WAS FULL. OF ORLOV'S FRIENDS AND RELATIVES ON SCENE, ONLY HIS WIFE AND SONS WERE ADMITTED. NUMEROUS MILITIA AND PLAINCLOTHESMEN WERE FOR MOST PART CORRECT IN THEIR HANDLING OF THE CROWD OF SOME 100 HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVISTS,

RELATIVES AND FRIENDS OF ORLOV, PLUS ABOUT TWENTY
WESTERN JOURNALISTS STANDING VIGIL OUTSIDE OF COURTHOUSE
DURING MOST OF THE FIRST DAY.

3. MRS. ORLOV MANAGED TO COME OUTSIDE BRIEFLY DURING
FIRST RECESS TO BRIEF HER FRIENDS ON WHAT HAD TRANSPIRED.
WE ASSUME WESTERN WIRE SERVICES HAVE FILED AT LEAST
HIGHLIGHTS OF HER ACCOUNT. IN BRIEF, SHE SAID:

--HER HUSBAND, TO WHOM SHE HAS NOT YET HAD ACCESS, HAD
LOST SOME WEIGHT BUT APPEARED IN GOOD HEALTH;

--AFTER LENGTHY ACCUSATION HAD BEEN READ, HE SAID HE
DID NOT FULLY UNDERSTAND IT; WHEN ASKED IF HE PLEADED
GUILTY, HE REPLIED HE REFUSED TO PARTICIPATE IN PROCEEDINGS
UNLESS HE WAS GIVEN OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLAIN HIS POSITION;

--IN ACCUSATION, WHICH RAN SOME 40 PAGES, PHRASE
"HELSINKI MONITORING GROU" WAS NOT USED; REFERENCE WAS
TO CERTAIN DOCUMENTS WRITTEN BY ORLOV, GINZBURG,
SHCHARANSKIY ""ND OTHERS";

--THE PROSECUTION WILL CALL SOME 15 WITNESSES; SO FAR
NONE HAS BEEN LISTED FOR THE DEFENSE;

--ORLOV WAS ACCUSED OF PROVIDING SLANDEROUS DOCUMENTS
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 03 MOSCOW 10688 151538Z

TO WESTERN JOURNALISTS AND "EMBASSIES", AND OF RECEIVING
MONEY "FROM THE WEST" FOR SLANDEROUS INFORMATION.

4. TRIAL IS EXPECTED TO RUN AT LEAST TWO OR THREE DAYS;
EMBASSY PLANS TO HAVE OFFICER AT COURTHOUSE EACH DAY.

5. FULLER ACCOUNT OF FIRST DAY FOLLOWS SPETEL. TOON

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: Z
Capture Date: 01 jan 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: TRIALS, DISSIDENT FACTIONS, POLITICAL PRISONERS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 15 may 1978
Decaption Date: 20 Mar 2014
Decaption Note: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 20 Mar 2014
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1978MOSCOW10688
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D780205-0414
Format: TEL
From: MOSCOW
Handling Restrictions:
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1978/newtext/t19780559/aaaabxnr.tel
Line Count: 101
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: de831c9f-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION EUR
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: ONLY
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: ONLY
Reference: 78 MOSCOW 10454
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 16 may 2005
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 2689659
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: ORLOV TRIAL
TAGS: SHUM, PINT, UR, CSCE, (ORLOV, YURIY)
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkgvkey: odbc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/de831c9f-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Sheryl P. Walter
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
20 Mar 2014
Markings: Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014